(b) if so, whether any final deal has been signed;

(c) if so, the total sugar that will be purchased by the EU from India;

(d) the cost of the Airbus aircraft to be purchased from the EU; and

(e) to what extent India has been able to reduce the excess sugar from this deal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (e) No such specific deal to link export of sugar to EU countries against import of Airbus aircraft has been agreed upon by both the sides. Currently India has 20,000 tonnes per annum as quota for export of sugar to EU market under bilateral agreements. India has been fully utilizing this quota.

Export of sugar to Bangladesh

3872. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar exported by India to Bangladesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the price at which sugar was exported; and

(c) the other details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (c) The sugar exported to Bangladesh during the last 3 years is indicated as below:

Year (April-March)	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. Crores)
2000-2001	42139	49.90
2001-2002	158340	179.99
2002-2003 (April-January)	254785	260.10
2001-2002 (April-January)	158340	179.99

(SOURCE : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

As per current EXIM policy, sugar exports are under Open General Licence and sugar mills/exporters are exporting sugar as per their commercial prudence. The Government does not maintain export prices and other details relating to export of sugar, these being matters strictly within the domain of commercial prudence of the concerned trading entities.

Powerloom Sector under crisis due to new Exim Policy

†3873. SHRIJANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that powerloom sector is reeling.under severe crisis in the whole country due to New Import-Export Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to bail out powerloom sector from this crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) No Sir. On the contrary, new Exim policy aims to promote powerloom sector as textile including garments has been declared as one of the thrust sectors in the new Exim Policy. Moreover, the Policy has also identified Tirupur for Hosiery, Panipat for woollen blanket and Ludhiana for woollen knitwear as towns of exports excellence in which sizeable numbers of powerloom units would get the specified benefits.

GDP growth rate during the Tenth Plan Period

3874. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the projected annual GDP growth rate of eight per cent during the Tenth Five Year Plan will depend largely upon achieving substantial growth in export of services by the Indian Information Technology sector;

(b) whether a deep rooted international conspiracy to discourage India IT professionals and entrepreneurs from harnessing the global market is manifested in the treatment of harassment meted out by the administration in Malaysia/Indonesia in the recent past and in the Netherland and England recently; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.